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From: Stamford Wine [wineguys@stamfordwine.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 10:20 AM
To: generallawmail
Subject: Re: Gov Malloy's liquor law changes

On Fri, Feb 24, 2012 at 10:10 AM, Stamford Wine <wineguys@stamfordwine.com> wrote:

Mr. Palmer, I am writing you this morning to let you know that I STRONGLY appose the governors plans to change the current laws in place of the liquor industry in CT. I believe that this will not increase revenue for the state but in fact have the complete opposite effect as well as countless loss of jobs in CT.

Doing away with the minimum bottle and allowing for quantity discounts will affect most stores in a negative way and force many of them out of business. This will ONLY help the big box or large stores with the resources and space to buy in this fashion.

Allowing for the increase in permits to 9 will also have an adverse affect on the state and retailers in CT. This will allow for grocery stores and big box stores to have more locations and with the money backing them drastically affect or put out of business the smaller independent stores. When and if this happens, with less competition for these big stores prices will inevitably rise and the selections for the consumer will be far and away diminished.

In closing, I would like to say that my business has been operating Stamford Liquor since 1970 and has been active in support of the Stamford community and now my livelihood is in serious jeopardy due to the change in laws proposed by Gov Malloy.

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